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Admiralty Office, 25. July 1861.

Sir,

HAVING laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty
your Letter of the 22. Instantly requesting permission to

proceed to Brazil,

I am commanded to acquaint you, that their Lordships are pleased to grant
you *one year's* Leave of Absence from the
present date, under the following Restrictions :—

That you do not enter into the Service of any Foreign Prince or State.

That if, while absent, you go to any other place than the abovementioned,
you immediately inform their Lordships' Secretary thereof.

That if you do not return to ENGLAND within *six* months after
being thereunto required by Public Notice in the LONDON GAZETTE, you
forfeit all the Half-pay that may be due to you.

That during your absence the Half-pay be not paid to your Represent-
ative, unless a Certificate of your being alive be produced from one of His
Majesty's Ministers or Consuls, or the Governor of one of His Majesty's
Colonies or Settlements, together with the usual Affidavit required for ob-
taining Half-pay.

That, should you have occasion to continue longer Abroad than the time
for which your Leave is hereby granted, you apply in due time to their
Lordships for a renewal of it, as no Half-pay can be issued for any period
during which an Officer is abroad, unless his absence for the said period
be sanctioned by a Letter of Leave.

And that, when you return to England, you are to give immediate in-
formation thereof to their Lordships' Secretary, or your Half-pay will be
stopped at the expiration of your leave.

I am, Sir,

Your very humble Servant,

Wm. M. Blake

Ch. B. B. B.

in a letter, &c. &c.